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IN THE U.S. PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants: Ryo OSUGI et al.

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Serial No.: 09/658,014

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Examiner: D. Le

For: YOKE COMPARTMENT OF VOICE COIL MOTOR FOR HARD
DISK DRIVE, METHOD OF DEBURRING YOKE COMPONENT,
AND VOICE COIL MOTOR USING YOKE COMPONENT

RESPONSE TO REQUIREMENT FOR RESTRICTION

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

December 17, 2001

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed November 29, 2001 (Paper No. 4), applicants hereby elect, with traverse, Group I, claims 1 and 6, drawn to a voice coil motor apparatus comprising a yoke.

Applicants traverse this requirement for restriction on the grounds that the two inventions are closely related and, accordingly, that it would not be unduly burdensome for the Examiner to examine both in this application. Withdrawal of the requirement for restriction is, therefore, respectfully solicited.

Should any matters arise which may be expedited by a telephone conference, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact Richard Gallager, Reg. No. 28,781, at (703) 205-8008.

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If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. §§1.16 or 1.17, particularly extension of time fees.

Respectfully submitted,

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Transmitted herewith is a RESPONSE TO REQUIREMENT FOR RESTRICTION
in the above-identified application.

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